

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: AF 09-0688

Montana Supreme Court PO Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Honorable Members of the Court,

As a citizen of the great state of Montana I am writing to voice a couple concerns regarding the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys.

I am thankful that this issue has come to my attention and that I am able to voice my opinion. The two most important issues to me is the threat that the adoption of this rule would bring to attorneys.

First is the threat to their Freedom of Speech. They will be limited in speaking freely because of their own religious beliefs in public and private conversations.

Second is my concern for the threat to Religions Liberty. Being able to give advise to congregations and to non profit groups in Montana will be limited by their associating with such groups.

Thank you for your consideration in declining the adoption of this rule.

Sincerely,

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